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Each of the listed documents was first cited in any foreign counterpart hereof, in a March 30, 2004, Search Report from the European Patent Office. A copy of that Search Report is enclosed.

Applicant notes that U.S. Patent 6,477,313 and Japanese Abstract JPA 2001-195840, listed in the Search Report, were cited to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 10, 2004.

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